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SUBJ: NEW ADB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. AT EIGHT ANNUAL MEETING OF ADB BOARD OF GOVERNORS

LAST APRIL 26-28, PHOU-NGEUN SANANIKONE (LAOS) WAS
ELECTED DIRECTOR REPRESENTING AFGHANISTAN, KHMER REPUBLIC,
LAOS AND SRI LANKA TO TAKE EFFECT FROM JUNE 1, 1975. HE IS
NEPHEW OF PREVIOUS MINISTER OF FINANCE NGON SANANIKONE. LATTER
ATTENDED RECENT ANNUAL MEETING AS GOVERNOR FOR LAOS.

UA2. AT MAY 29 MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ADB PRESIDENT
REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENT OF LAOS ADVISES IT
WISHES TO RECONSIDER APPOINTMENT AND THAT FORMAL
PROPOSAL FOR NEW DIRECTOR WILL BE FORWARDED IN DUE
COURSE. BANK HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED GOVERNMENT OF
LAOS IS PROPOSING SITHA SISOMBAT (WHO HAD BEEN
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR THIS GROUP OF COUNTRIES FOR
1973-1975 TERM) AS DIRECTOR.

3. FYI: FORMER DIRECTOR- DESIGNATE SANANIKONE HAS BEEN IN MANILA
FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AWAITING INAUGURATION OF NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
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NOMINATION OF NEW APPOINTEE NEEDS SUPPORT OF AT LEAST SRI LANKA,

WHICH SHOULD NOT BE PROBLEM PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SRI LANKA TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR GROUP. COMBINED VOTES OF LAOS AND SRI LANKA SUFFICIENT TO APPOINT DIRECTOR. END FYI.

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